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"HE IS RISEN"

Remember that a truly honest man creates a variety of impressions. When everybody gets the same reaction to a fellow, I distrust him immediately - He's playing a part. He's creating that impression deliberately!

.....Albert Lasker

NEWS FROM OUR STATE DIRECTOR.

We have all been saddened by the news that Mr. John F. Henry, Secretary of our Board from North Charleston, South Carolina, has been incapacitated because of a heart problem. We have been advised by his lovely wife, Cynthia, that the situation was not critical. We are in hopes that Mr. Henry will be able to be released from the hospital within the next three weeks. John, like all of our Board Members, is conscientious and hard working in behalf of our Agency and our hopes and our prayers go toward him with the full expectation of a speedy recovery.

This past month, members of the legislature were invited to a fish supper which was sponsored by our Agency, and we had excellent participation and attendance. Congratulations are due to so many of the staff that it would be very difficult to single anyone out for special merit with the possible exception of Mr. Jack Shivers. Mr. Shivers was the chairman of this affair and in addition to catching all of the fish which were consumed, he handled the arrangements with great skill and aplomb. No detail was left unattended, and we are all indebted to Jack for this fine job.

Mrs. Taylor and I are delighted to be in our new offices in the Administration Building and though the furnishings are not complete at this time, it is a pleasure and a delight to have facilities which are more conducive to productive work. In that we should have our offices complete at the end of this month, we would welcome visits from the staff members who would like to see our excellent office space.

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

Morris College of Sumter, South Carolina, sponsored their "Sixth Annual Career Opportunities Conference" on Wednesday, February 27, 1974. Appearing as keynote speaker was Mr. J. P. Neal, Jr., Deputy Director for Administrative Services. Visiting consultants for the program included representatives from the Department of Labor, S. C. Personnel Division, The American Red Cross, U. S. Army, Social Security Administration, House of Representatives, U. S. Marine Corps, University of South Carolina's Engineering Department, Young Women Christian Association and various other agencies. Mr. Neal spoke of the involvement of youth in today's fads and the importance of their being a member of the "in crowd". Mr. Neal also emphasized the importance of education in today's society.

A thirty-minute question and answer period involving consultants, faculty, advisers and seniors ended the conference.

NEWS FROM THE WILLOW LANE SCHOOL.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the Willow Lane Campus (near the gym) Sunday morning, April 14, 1974, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Bring your blanket and join us.

Willow Lane's Chaplain, Howard Ellzey, along with Chaplain James Pilgrim and Chaplain Yu Fong Chong, attended the American Protestant Correctional Chaplains Association meeting in Nashville, March 25-28.

A variety of speakers representing corrections, the judicial system as well as the seminary, made for a very informative and worthwhile conference.

The Language Arts teachers of Willow Lane School along with those from John G. Richards and Florence have just completed taking a course entitled the Systematic Approach to Teaching Reading. The consultant for the Title I project

was Mr. Joe Murphy of the University - Saturday sessions were held and credits were earned. The course concerned the systematic approach of teaching reading to disadvantaged youth and a review of new materials. Through this project and Title funds, many new materials have been purchased for all the schools. Here, at Willow Lane, our girls and boys are enthusiastically taking advantage of the new study programs and the many paperback books now available in the different classrooms for reading enjoyment.

Art students and several staff members enjoyed a special treat Friday, March 22, when Mr. Ronald Wilson, guest USC Artist, spent the day demonstrating techniques of cartoon drawing. Students tried their hands at self-portrait caricatures and many were lucky enough to be sketched by the artist himself and given his drawings. The art classes were visited by numerous staff members who enjoyed having a caricature drawn of themselves as much as the students. Some of our more "illustrious" staff included Mrs. Mary Haymon, Mrs. Glenda Jones, Mr. H. C. Dunagan, Mr. Lester Bunton, Mrs. Dotty Lavisky, and Mr. Ernest Stroy.

On Friday, March 15, the "group class" went on a field trip to Table Rock State Park. Twelve students ate an early breakfast so they could leave at 7:30 a.m. After the three hour journey, they began the hike along the nature trail and then up the mountain. Everyone made it up and was amazed to be so high in the air. This was the first time most of these students had ever seen a mountain and they were quite surprised to learn that they were capable of climbing something so tremendous. Several thought a mountain was just real tall trees and they wondered how we would be able to climb them. Supper at Burger King climaxed a very educational experience for all.

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH BUREAU DIVISION.

State Office

Contracts are now being negotiated for the new Rock Hill Youth Bureau Office which is expected to open by summer.

Caroselle

Two new members have been added to Caroselle's staff. We welcome Bonnie Matthews as Youth Counselor and Rubelle McFadden, who is our new cook.

At a recent St. Andrews Junior High School P.T.A. meeting, Lynn Smith participated in several skits and read a poem which she had written. The girls at Caroselle gave her their support by attending. It was a very entertaining and enjoyable evening.

St. Luke's

Members of the St. Luke's staff enjoyed a recent visit to the Youth Bureau and Brotherhood Center in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg Youth Bureau

We regret the resignation of Ms. Dorothy Stroble, Supervisor of Area Social Services, which was effective March 29. Ms. Stroble is moving out of the state

NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS POLICE SECTION.

REMINDER

It is required that all employees of the Department of Youth Services (temporary, part-time, probationary and permanent) have in their possession an identification card issued through the Identification Section, Campus Police.

NEWS FROM THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT.

A DEMONSTRATION OF PIAGETIAN DEVELOPMENT OF COGNITION
IN
INSTITUTIONALIZED CHILDREN WITH RETARDATION PROBLEMS

Jean Piaget has often been unjustly criticized for not having addressed himself to the various pathologies of childhood. Piaget has not proposed, nor does he claim to have proposed, a theory of personality; he has concerned himself with the development of cognition. i.e., how children learn.

Some persons working in the areas of delinquency, mental retardation, and special education have attempted to apply Piagetian developmental theory to their disciplines and to determine the implications. The general consensus has been that children with retardation problems do, in fact, progress through Piaget's developmental stages in the proposed sequence, but at a slower rate than do "normal" children. They have agreed further that the child with retardation problems will probably reach an optimum level of cognitive development and become arrested at that optimum stage.

PROCEDURES:

The author chose to administer some Piagetian task tests to children of various ages and I.Q. ranges who are residents of Midlands Center, South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation. The purpose was to demonstrate that the above hypotheses seem to hold true. Six children were each administered two tests of conservation and reversibility. The children, four males and two females, ranged in age from ten to seventeen years with a measured I.Q. spread of 31 to 72.

According to the average age of attainment of each of Piaget's developmental stages, all of these children should have reached the concrete operations or the formal operations stage. It was suspected, however, that this would not be the case due to their retardation problems. The tests administered, therefore, were tasks to determine whether their thinking was pre-operational in nature or whether they had progressed beyond that point.

One task used involved the use of two balls of modeling clay of equal size. The child was asked whether they were the same size. Once he agreed that they were, one of the balls was rolled into a sausage shape and the child was asked the same question. The second task was performed with colored water and two containers of different shapes. The child was shown the water in a tall cylinder before it was actually poured into a shorter beaker allowing the child to watch. He was then asked whether we had more, less, or the same amount of water.

RESULTS:

For convenience, the results have been summarized in the following table:

EXPLANATION OF MARKS WITHIN TABLE

- *--measured I.Q. not available.
- +--Although Piaget says that often the rationale is as important as the answer itself, barriers of communication with the children of very low intelligence made it virtually impossible to elicit a justification for a particular choice.

SUBJECT	SEX	AGE	I.Q.	WHICH HAS MORE CLAY IN IT?	WHY?	DO WE HAVE MORE, LESS, OR SAME AMT. OF WATER?	WHY?
Child A	M	13	72	"Ball"	"Fatter"	"Less"	"Shorter"
Child B	M	14	46	"Ball"	"Round"	"Less"	"Shorter"
Child C	M	14	62	"Sausage"	"Longer"	"Less"	"Shorter"
Child D	M	17	*	"Ball"	"Round & Sausage is long"	"Less"	+
Child E	F	10	*	"Ball"	+	"Less"	+
Child F	F	11	31	"Ball"	+	"Less"	+

CONCLUSION:

One may see from the above table that not one of the six children was able to accomplish reversal and thus does not comprehend the concept of conservation. It is interesting to note that in several cases, the children were very indecisive about whether the original balls of clay were the same size. Perhaps their concern with minute detail illustrates the characteristic centering of the pre-operational child. The results seem to indicate that each of the six children is in (perhaps arrested at) the pre-operational stage of cognitive development.

IMPLICATIONS:

These results tend to suggest that the original hypotheses seem to hold true; i.e., that children with retardation problems do, in fact, achieve the same levels of conceptual thinking in the same sequential order as do "normal" children. They may tend to change the apparently dichotomous attitudes toward those children who are committed to the Department of Youth Services with retardation problems. It may also have some bearing on the prescription of treatment for these offenders. Perhaps these children should be viewed as being on a continuum of development with more hope of their advancing along that continuum. A need for more involved research is indicated.

.....Stanley D. Conine, Unit Supervisor
Intensive Care Unit at Willow Lane

Bibliography upon request.

NEWS FROM THE S. C. STATE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION.

The Center for Cultural Development of the University of South Carolina is sponsoring an essay writing contest for South Carolinians on the subject of "Work Ethic: What Is It? Who Needs It?" Three first place prizes of \$500, three second place prizes of \$250, three third place prizes of \$100, and nine consolation prizes of \$50 will be offered in three categories: essays written by academicians, by public officials, and by private citizens. Maybe a State employee or more in your agency would like to compete for the prizes. If so, further information may be obtained from Dr. Vukan Kuic, Director, Future Studies Project, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29208.

Shillito-Hammett Scholarship

Please note that May 1, 1974, is the application deadline for the Shillito-

Hammett Scholarship. The SCSEA Scholarship Committee urges any eligible student, a dependent son or daughter of a member of SCSEA, to file an application prior to that date. The following guidelines will be considered in selecting the Scholarship winner:

1. The recipient will have completed at least one academic year (30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours) in a four-year, accredited college, or university with a minimum 2.00 grade point ration.
2. The recipient shall be pursuing a baccalaureate degree at a four-year college or university in South Carolina.
3. The recipient shall be eligible for the \$500 Scholarship this academic year only.
4. If at the end of a semester or quarter, the status of the recipient changes, the application may be re-evaluated.
5. Prime consideration for the award of the Scholarship will be the academic record and the financial need of the applicant.

Applications may be obtained from the SCSEA office.

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORUM ON CHILD PROTECTION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1974, the South Carolina Forum on Child Protection was held at the Carolina Inn in Columbia, South Carolina. Among the guest speakers Dr. Vincent De Francis, Director of Children's Division American Humane Assn. was introduced by Honorable Carolyn Frederick of Greenville to speak on child abuse and neglect. Honorable Judge Robert Mallard responded. A copy of the S. C. Child Abuse Law is printed below:

CHILD ABUSE LAW - ACT NO. 1068

An Act To Provide For The Protection Of Certain Children Under The Age Of Seventeen Years And To Provide Penalties For Violations; And To Repeal Act 81 Of 1965, Relating To Reporting Of Certain Physical Abuses Of Children.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. The court of common pleas, county court, family court, and in those counties not having a family court, the probate court of the county where the injured child resides or is found shall have jurisdiction over proceedings brought pursuant to this act.

Section 2. (a) All practitioners of the healing arts and any other person having reasonable cause to believe that a child under the age of seventeen years has been subjected to physical abuse or neglect shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with this act.

(b) An oral report, by telephone or otherwise, shall be made immediately to the county department of public welfare or to the county sheriff's office or chief county law enforcement officer in the county where the child resides or is found.

(c) Within three days following such oral report, an investigation shall be made by the county welfare department or sheriff's office or chief county law enforcement officer and a written report prepared which will include the following:

- (1) name, age and address of child and parent-guardian,
- (2) nature and extent of injury suffered by the child, including any evidence of previous injury,
- (3) any other facts or circumstances known to the reporter which may aid in the future determination of guilt or accessory to guilt of the parent-guardian.

All reports prepared by the county sheriff's department or chief county law enforcement officer shall be forwarded to the county department of welfare within twenty-four hours and vice versa.

(d) Any person who in good faith makes reports pursuant to this act, or participates in judicial proceedings resulting therefrom, shall be immune to liability both civil and criminal for such reporting.

Section 3. Upon receipt of a report as set forth in Section 2, the sheriff or chief county law enforcement officer, with reasonable cause to believe that the child is in danger if left with the parents, shall immediately petition the court for a temporary order assuring proper care and treatment of the child, and such order may provide for remanding temporary legal custody to the court and physical custody to the county department of welfare.

The parents of the child may at any time prior to final disposition of the temporary order apply to the court to vacate such order. A preliminary hearing shall be held within five days of such application.

Parents shall be notified of the time and place of the final hearing. Upon such hearing, the court, if it determines by clear and convincing evidence that the child will suffer if returned to the home, shall issue such order as is necessary for the protection of the child which may include an extension of the temporary order or complete termination of parental rights and the placing of the child in a proper environment.

Section 4. In any judicial proceeding resulting from the provisions of this act, there shall be no privileged communication between husband and wife, and in the evaluation process there shall be no privileged communication between doctor and patient.

Section 5. Upon receipt of a report, as provided for in Section 2 of this act, the county department of public welfare shall maintain a central registry of all such cases and shall cooperate with the sheriff's office or chief county law enforcement officer and court in temporarily placing the child in an environment to prevent further abuses and neglect.

Section 6. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 7. Act No. 81 of 1965 is repealed.

Section 8. No provisions herein shall abridge any rules of procedure otherwise provided by statute or rules of court.

Section 9. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

In the Senate House the 22nd day of March

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

Earle E. Morris, Jr.
President of the Senate

Solomon Blatt,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved the 24th day of March, 1972.

John C. West,
Governor

REMEMBERED QUOTE FOR THE DAY.....

"A pat on the back is only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, but is miles ahead in results."